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In re Application of :
Tomalia, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 10/689,503 :
Filed: October 9, 2003 :
For: 60208D :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 21, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is not a final agency decision.

This application became abandoned September 4, 2005 for failure to timely reply to the final Office action mailed June 3, 2005. The final Office action month set a shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely requested. Notice of Abandonment was mailed February 7, 2006.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition lacks requirement (1) set forth above. Petitioners have failed to submit a proper reply to the final Office action.

Petitioners are advised that pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Therefore, no extension of time fee is due in connection with this petition. Petitioners may request a refund of the \$1,020.00 extension of time fee by writing to the Finance Office, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany any request for refund.

Any renewed petition must include a proper reply to the outstanding Office action.

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